

REMARKS

By the present amendment, applicant is submitting new claims 42 – 44 directed to a mass transfer column. These claims correspond to claims 39 – 41, which were submitted with the response filed March 23, 2005 and are of comparable scope to the previously submitted claims. The new claims 42 – 44 are, however, directed to a mass transfer column incorporating a tray deck having the novel features of the present applicants' invention, namely the radially extending curved blades. Applicants submit they are entitled to the additional protection afforded by claims 42 – 44, which encompass the entire mass transfer column that utilizes the trays.

Claims 42 – 44 are allowable for the same reasons discussed with regard to newly submitted claims 39 – 41. A Notice of Allowance is solicited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for addition of claims are required. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4409.

Respectfully submitted,

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